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## **IPPLEPEN PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of Meeting held at Ipplepen Millennium Centre**

## **On Tuesday 4th June 2019**

## **In attendance**:

## Coun.Carnell (Chairman) Coun.Mrs.Northwood

## Coun.Mrs.Olding (Vice Chairman) Coun.Smith

Coun.Courtier Coun.Palethorpe

Coun.Rattlidge

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## Miss.C.Freston Parish Clerk

Coun.Dewhirst District/County Councillor

Coun.Carnell welcomed everyone to the June meeting and gave a vote of thanks to the retiring Chairman Coun.Mrs.Shirley Northwood, for the splendid job she has done over the last two years.

20) **APOLOGIES** - Coun.Mrs.Hutchings, Coun.Farrow

## 21) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – No declarations of Interest.

22) **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 14th May, 2019 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

23) **MATTERS ARISING**

**Playing Field –** A fitness business has been in contact to ask if they can run fitness sessions on the playing field. It was agreed that the playing field was unsuitable and that the Football club maybe a more suitable site **Action –** Clerk to respond to the business owner.

**Rural Aid Application –** St Andrews Church have submitted an application for a new footpath in the cemetery. The application has been accepted by Teignbridge and they will be informed if they have been successful with their application.

**Electricity at the Mill Centre –** A bill has been received for the electricity at the Mill Centre. The electricity supply also covers the toilet block at the Recreation Ground. Coun.Carnell has contacted a company called IU Energy to help work out the usage and sort out the best tariff to help resolve the outstanding balance. Also there is a separate meter in the Recreation Ground which is used for events in the park and possibly the floodlights at the Tennis Courts **Action -** Coun.Carnell to send off meter readings and liaise with IU Energy and clerk to liaise with Jenny Baillie regarding the floodlights.

**Memorial Bench at War Memorial –** It has been discussed about the siting of a new memorial bench at the War Memorial. A plan has been drawn and will be on view at the Village Show so parishioners will be able see what the Parish Council are proposing. A public consultation will be arranged for September where all comments will be welcome.

24) **CORRESPONDENCE** – Coun.Carnell (Chairman)

a)**Items from Devon County Council:-** No items received this month

## b) **Items from Teignbridge District Council & Teignbridge CVS: -** The Raising of the Armed Forces Flag will be on Monday 24th June 2019 at 10am outside the Hall at Old Forde House to commemorate Armed Forces Week. Coun.Palethrope and Coun.Rattlidge would like to attend.

## c) **Items from DALC/DCT/SLCC:-** DALC’s June Newsletters

## **Other items received:**

e) Devon Community Action for Wildlife Conference is being held on Saturday 6th July at Chagford. To find out more and book a free place see [www.naturaldevon.org.uk](http://www.naturaldevon.org.uk)

## **REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES**

**Millennium Centre** – Next meeting is the AGM due on 18th June 2019.

**TALC** – Next meeting due to be held on 27th June, 2019

**Village Hall Committee** – Minutes from the Village Hall meeting on Wednesday 15th May 2019 have been received. It was discussed about upgrading the current CCTV on the Village Hall **Action –** Coun.Courtier to follow this up with the gentleman that installed the original camera to get an estimate. This will be discussed at the next Amenities meeting on Tuesday 11th June 2019.

**Ipplepen Community Fund** – Next meeting the AGM due on 13th June 2019 all Councillors are invited to attend the meeting.

**Emergency Team** – Nothing to report

25) **DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLOR’S REPORT** – Coun.Dewhirst

**County Matters**

A pilot project to help communities revitalize their roadside verges, and by doing so create a network of safe havens for wildflowers and endangered pollinators, has been so successful it has been launched across the county. The Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) ‘Life on the Verge – Biosphere’ (LoVe-B) project has led to 40 North Devon verges being managed and monitored by communities over the last three years. Now communities all around Devon are being encouraged to follow suit and take pride in their verges, and by doing so, help the environment.

Roadside verges are an integral part of Devon’s heritage and are sanctuaries for wildflowers, pollinating insects, reptiles, amphibians and small mammals. They provide one of the few opportunities to see wildflowers daily, often on a commute, and have been shown to have had a positive impact on mental health. The project also audits deciduous tree loss in the parish over the last 20 years and where possible they will be replaced to help to mitigate pollution and flash-flooding. Many of these trees will be planted along grass verges.”

The Devon Community Action for Wildlife Conference is on Saturday 6 July in Chagford and will to inform community groups on how they can help. For more information, and to book a place, please see [www.naturaldevon.org.uk](http://www.naturaldevon.org.uk). Communities that are interested in helping to maintain verges in their community can download free step-by-step guidance documents which includes information on mandatory health and safety training, at <https://www.devon.gov.uk/environment/wildlife/managing-verges-for-wildlife>

Finally, on the Farms Estate we are always keen to seen diversification so when Sarah Mortimore and her family recently moved to Devon County Council’s Moorhouse Farm, a 100-acre livestock starter farm near Bovey Tracey we were delighted to see she has set up Workforce Pilates. An NHS physiotherapist by day, Sarah was keen to use her skills to help farmers, and others with similarly demanding jobs, keep fit and stay well physically and mentally. She says: “Farming requires plenty of physical activity so it’s crucial to remain in good shape. The days are long, and the work load extensive, with heavy lifting and long periods operating machinery. These pressures mean many farmers suffer injury or long-lasting pain from back issues, stiff shoulders and poor joint mobility.”

The group is just for men, so they feel more comfortable and can just come and explore the different ways they can benefit from this sort of exercise. The classes are designed so they can use some of the practices and skills in their everyday life on the farm. With stress and poor mental health among the top challenges facing farmers, Sarah’s Pilates classes are about more than just improving physical fitness, they offer real mental health benefits too.

**District Matters**

Teignbridge is setting the pace for Local Digital Transformation. Our council’s digital transformation programme is ‘leaps and bounds’ ahead of many other local public bodies. Strata the Council’s computer support company reports that, where others have a number of separate ‘digital’ initiatives under way, Teignbridge has adopted a coherent digital strategy, where the benefits will be realised across the whole authority, rather than at a department by department level. ‘Integration’ is the key word. Where other authorities are creating online forms that just deliver a request for action via an email, Teignbridge works with services to map processes, build in efficiencies, and create integrated web forms that deliver a request to the customer without costly manual intervention. And it’s giving officers more time to assist those customers who cannot always help themselves.

Coming soon will be MyAccount – where customers can register for an account, track progress on their requests, opt-in for a variety of newsletters and securely access all the council services in one place. For the first time Teignmouth has received the Prestigious Blue Flag Award which recognises exceptional beaches in the UK. “Keep Britain Tidy” also announced that Coryton Cove, Dawlish Town and Ness Cove have retained their Seaside Awards. The Seaside awards recognise beaches based on very high standards of cleanliness, safety and management. These awards don’t come easily and are testament to the hard work put in not only by the outstanding Resorts team but also local volunteers who support the environment.

This morning Teignbridge gave the go-ahead for the first phase of works on the A382, between Forches Cross and Newton Abbot, due to commence this autumn and to be delivered by the County Council. The Teignbridge Infrastructure Delivery Plan identifies the first phase of A382 improvements as a ‘critical’ priority and one that is required in order to deliver the strategic vision and objectives of the Local Plan. The project cost is estimated at £13m and the Council agreed to fund the gap of £5.1m. A new strategic walking and cycling route will be provided alongside the widened 10 metre carriageway in order to facilitate connectivity between Newton Abbot, Heathfield, Bovey Tracey and beyond. The A382 is currently one of the worst performing A roads in Devon with collision rates 55 per cent higher than the national average for this type of road.

26) **PLANNING** – Coun.Carnell on behalf of Coun.Farrow

The Minutes of the Plans meeting held on Wednesday 22nd May 2019, were approved and taken as read

b) **Grants & Refusals** of Planning permission received:

**Decisions Received: Councillor’s Comments if necessary**

**Granted:** Application 19/00094/FUL – Retention of agricultural yard at Dainton Cross, Marldon Road

**Granted:** Application 19/00476/VAR – Variation of condition 2 on planning permission 11/00214/FUL (three storey side extension and sand school to south of site) to vary the position of the sand school at Danes, Dornafield Lane

**Prior Approval not Required:** Application 19/00833/AGR – Agricultural machinery and fodder storage building at Orley Farm.

**Appeal Allowed:** Siting of mobile home for three years to support existing rural enterprise at Hettor Barn, Moor Road

c) **Applications discussed**: No applications were discussed.

d) **Other items discussed:** No further items to discuss

27) **AMENITIES** - Coun.Courtier

The Minutes from the meeting held on 21st May 2019, were approved and taken as read. Matters arising from the Minutes as follows:

1. Councillor Hutchings proposed Councillor Courtier as the new Chairman of Amenities, seconded by Councillor Northwood. Councillor Carnell proposed Councillor Palethorpe be appointed as minute secretary, seconded by Councillor Hutchings.
2. The padlock on the gate by the scout hut leading down to the allotments has now been replaced.
3. The signs for the adult equipment and play park are now in place.
4. Five new litter bins have arrived and are waiting to be fitted at the Recreation Ground.

e) On the Torbryan side of the entrance to The Glebe was a dead tree further down the road was a sycamore growing through the wall. These have both been dealt with.

f) The Flower Show need to provide a copy of their insurance certificate and Risk Assessments to the Parish Council.

g) Coun.Carnell has obtained a quote for some fencing to be placed between the new slide and the typhoon. This will be discussed at the Amenities meeting on Tuesday 11th June 2019.

28) **FINANCE & PERSONNEL** – Coun.Mrs.Olding

**Balance No. £ 60,875.68**

**Received:**

**Balance: £ 60,875.68**

**Invoices Received and Approved: £ 20,880.23**

**Balance £ 39,995.45**

**Reserve Account**

**Balance £ 57,950.01**

**Overall Total £ 97,945.46**

**Items discussed:** No further items discussed

29) **HIGHWAYS & RIGHTS OF WAY** – Coun.Smith

1. The first cut to the footpaths has been carried out by DCC.
2. Comments regarding the Biltor Road and Coombefishacre Junction, being used more due to the improvements being made.
3. There is a finger post that has broken or fallen down on Footpath two **Action –** Coun.Smith to inspect.
4. The potholes in Dornafield Road have been filled by DCC using their dragon patcher.
5. The next meeting date is to be confirmed.

30) **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN** – Coun.Rattlidge

The Neighbourhood Plan meeting took place on Wednesday 15th May 2019. They are looking at potential development sites. These will be on display at the Flower Show on Saturday 20th July 2019. A further public meeting will be planned for September to look at the sites and receive public comments.

Coun.Rattlidge is looking at applying for grants once he has received the costings.

The next Neighbourhood Plan meeting is due to be held on Tuesday 16th July 2019.

31) **COUNCILLOR ADVOCATE SCHEME**

Coun.Rattlidge attended the Councillor Advocate Scheme in May. The police are advertising what they are doing and are constantly asking for feedback. Over the next few months an advert will be put in the Parish Magazine and on the noticeboards, to ask if anyone is concerned about anything to contact the clerk.

32) **APPROVE ANNUAL REPORT**

**RESOLUTION:** It was proposed by Coun. Smith, seconded by Coun.Courtier and unanimously agreed to approve the Annual Report June 2019

33) **ITEMS LEFT ON THE TABLE** – Items available from the clerk.

34) **OPEN FORUM** – A parishioner said that the bus stop at Park Hill needed a clean, and the road sign coming into the village on Foredown Road needed the vegetation cutting back **Action –** Coun.Courtier to arrange for these to be done.

Another parishioner asked if the fiancé report was still going to be advertised in the parish magazine as they weren’t published in June’s magazine. This was due to the Parish Council meeting being deferred so the deadline was missed for the magazine. The minutes and fiancé report will continue to be published in the parish magazine. Cars and vans are parking along Fore Street, between the Co-op and the Wellington. Coaches and larger vehicles are having difficulty getting through and it is causing chaos. Please can you be considerate when parking your vehicle.

35) **DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS:**

Amenities Meeting 11th June 7pm at Mill.Centre

**AGM** Community Fund 13th June. 7.30pm at Mill Centre

**AGM** MCMC 18th June 6.15pm at Mill Centre

Plans Meeting` 19th June 7pm at Mill.Centre

Highways Meeting TBC 6.30pm at Mill.Centre

Full Parish Council 02nd July 7.15pm at Mill.Centre

Neighbourhood Plan16th July 7pm at Mill Centre

Meeting Closed at 8.20pm